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Applicants: Fernandez et al. Art Unit: 1639  
Application No.: 09/990,091 Examiner: T. Wessendorf  
Filed: November 21, 2001 Conf. No. 1288  
Title: METHODS FOR PRODUCING LIBRARIES OF EXPRESSIBLE GENE  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in connection with the Office Actions mailed May 1, 2003 and July 7, 2003.

The requested extension is for two months, extending the period to December 7, 2003.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, December 8, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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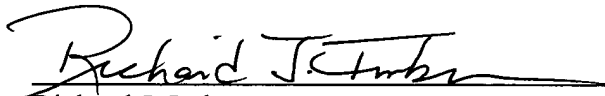
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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application.

Checks in the amount of \$420.00 are enclosed to cover the Two Month Extension Fee. No further fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Response, if any additional fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Acct. No. 50-1355.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 8, 2003

  
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